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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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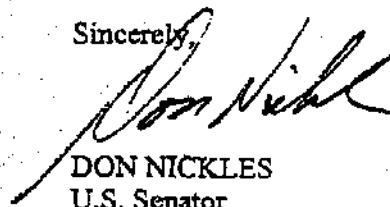
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand the Federal Communications Commission is well into an on-going review of its broadcast ownership rules and is poised to consider and adopt a final Order by the end of Spring 2003. I respectfully write to urge you and your colleagues at the Commission to proceed on this matter as expeditiously and thoughtfully as is possible.

As mandated by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission is required by law to review its broadcast ownership regulations every two years. I note with interest that, as a consequence, the Commission initiated its current inquiry and received voluminous comments to develop a full record necessary to take action on this matter. With such an extensive record, it seems appropriate that the Commission should adhere to the schedule you publicly articulated and complete the review.

I urge the Commission to conclude its broadcast ownership proceeding and to reach a final decision according to the statutory provisions of the 1996 Act.

Sincerely,



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